

## CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of United States as used in this section, see section 408a of this title.

False statement in application and use of passport, penalty, see section 1542 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Letters or writings nonmailable, see section 1717 of Title 18.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 408a of this title.

### § 214. Fees for execution and issuance of passports; persons excused from payment

There shall be collected and paid into the Treasury of the United States a fee, prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation, for each passport issued and a fee, prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation, for executing each application for a passport. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit the right of the Secretary of State by regulation (1) to authorize State officials to collect and retain the execution fee, or (2) to transfer to the United States Postal Service the execution fee for each application accepted by that Service. No passport fee shall be collected from an officer or employee of the United States proceeding abroad in the discharge of official duties, or from members of his immediate family; from an American seaman who requires a passport in connection with his duties aboard an American flag-vessel; or from a widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member. No execution fee shall be collected for an application made before a Federal official by a person excused from payment of the passport fee under this section.

(June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 1, 41 Stat. 750; Feb. 10, 1956, ch. 31, 70 Stat. 11; July 26, 1968, Pub. L. 90-428, § 2, 82 Stat. 446; May 14, 1971, Pub. L. 92-14, § 1, 85 Stat. 38; Sept. 17, 1974, Pub. L. 93-417, 88 Stat. 1151; Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 116(a), 96 Stat. 279.)

## AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-241 substituted provision that the Secretary of State prescribe by regulation the fee for passports for provision that a fee of \$10 be charged for each passport and that the fees be collected and paid into the Treasury quarterly.

1974—Pub. L. 93-417 substituted provisions authorizing the Secretary of State to prescribe fees for execution of applications for passports by regulation for provisions prescribing a fixed fee of \$2, substituted “United States Postal Service” for “Postal Service”, and struck out references to the fee of \$2 in the proviso relating to the rights of the Secretary of State.

1971—Pub. L. 92-14 authorized the United States Postal Service to receive the fee of \$2 for execution of an application for a passport.

1968—Pub. L. 90-428 increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and from \$9.00 to \$10.00, respectively, the fees for the execution and the issuance of passports, struck out “to a citizen or person owing allegiance to or entitled to the protection of the United States” after “for each passport issued”, restricted the exemption for seamen to American seamen requiring a passport in connection with duties aboard an American flag-vessel, and inserted provision excusing a person exempted from a passport fee from paying an execution fee.

1956—Act Feb. 10, 1956, increased from \$1 to \$2 the fee for executing passport applications, and reworded au-

thorization of State officials to collect and retain \$2 fee.

## EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Pub. L. 92-14, as amended by Pub. L. 93-126, § 8, Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 453, provided that: “The amendment made by this Act [amending this section] shall become effective on the date of enactment [May 14, 1971] and shall continue in effect until June 30, 1974.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-428 effective on thirtieth day following July 26, 1968, see section 4 of Pub. L. 90-428, set out as a note under section 217a of this title.

## DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS FROM EXPEDITED PASSPORT PROCESSING

Pub. L. 103-317, title V, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1760, provided in part “That hereafter all receipts received from a new charge from expedited passport processing shall be deposited in this account as an offsetting collection and shall be available until expended”.

## INFORMATION FROM UNITED STATES PASSPORTS

Pub. L. 101-604, title II, § 203(d), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3083, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the extent provided in appropriation Acts, for each fiscal year not more than \$5,000,000 in passport fees collected by the Department of State may be credited to a Department of State account. Amounts credited to such account shall be available only for the costs associated with the acquisition and production of machine-readable United States passports and visas and compatible reading equipment. Amounts credited to such account are authorized to remain available until expended.”

## CROSS REFERENCES

Red Cross employees cooperating with and assisting armed forces, exemption from payment of fee, see section 2602 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 214a, 2504 of this title.

### § 214a. Fees erroneously charged and paid; refund

Whenever a fee is erroneously charged and paid for the issue of a passport to a person who is exempted from the payment of such a fee by section 214 of this title, the Department of State is authorized to refund to the person who paid such fee the amount thereof, and the money for that purpose is authorized to be appropriated.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 772, § 3, 44 Stat. 887.)

## CERTAIN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS ABOLISHED

Effective July 1, 1935, enumerated appropriation accounts appearing on the books of the Government were abolished and in lieu thereof there was established an account to be designated “Refund of Moneys Erroneously Received and Covered.” See section 1322 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

### § 215. Omitted

## CODIFICATION

Section, act June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 2, 41 Stat. 750, provided for fees of \$1 for each application for a visa and \$9 for each visa. It was superseded by sections 2(h) and 7(h) of the Immigration Act of 1924 (act May 26, 1924, ch. 190, 43 Stat. 154, 157) which provided for fees in the same amounts. The 1924 Act was repealed by section